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# EAGLES' BID FOR SHOCK FINAL

## BRISBANE CUP FINAL

Brisbane City will start with a definite chance to retain the Philips Cup at Perry Park on Sunday.

Following their disastrous PSL season, these amazing cup-fighters are on the threshold of stunning all experts, including their own local ones, by winning the trophy.

But Adelaide City, their classy opponents on the day, will not concede an inch.

Keen to match West Adelaide's championship success, Adelaide City should be in the thick of the action all the way — maybe into the traditional extra time which Brisbane City seems to love so much.

On the face of things, Adelaide City appear to have the better balanced side with more outstanding performers.

But, in cup games, Brisbane City is never impressed by an opponent's status.

One can only hope that the Brisbane fans — favored by the draw, giving them the final — will respond by turning out on Sunday.

Last week's two semifinals had catastrophic attendances — less than 5000 in the two cities.

No doubt the Philips League will not ignore this symptom but study the disturbing post-championship trends.

Perhaps the Cup represents an anti-climax after the main season and Grand Final, failing to stir up sufficient interest among fans.

If the season in 1979 is to be extended to the end of October, maybe the program should be planned from the terminal date back and then fill in the gaps with cup matches, internationals or interstate games.

But clubs can ill afford to stay in training for weeks after the season proper in order to share a pittance from the gate receipts.

The Philips Cup is a good idea and should be retained — but only if it can be programmed during the main season.



Melita's classy striker Joe Farrugia could spell havoc for Croatia in Sunday's NSW Ampol final.

## Rudi's not on \$80,000 p.a.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf is getting an annual salary of \$80,000, free house, car and yacht from the ASF — or so says a West German magazine article.

"Kicker" of Nurnberg, not surprisingly, describes it as a princely salary — at DM 15,000 per month.

ASF president Sir Arthur George said this week the claim

was "complete nonsense" and the figure "very wide of the mark."

"Gutendorf is not costing us even half of that," he said. "And there is no free house, car and yacht."

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## SHOCK FINAL

— By ANDREW DETTRE —

NSW State League champions Croatia face elimination in Sunday's final unless they undergo a complete physical and mental rejuvenation.

Their disastrous display of last Sunday will be insufficient against the talented and mobile Melita Eagles in what promises to be a great final.

The celebrated Croatia stars Abonyi, Stone, Cagaj and others must lift their game very considerably to stave off defeat.

Melita will not stand on ceremony any more than Sutherland did on Sunday.

Their deadly pair of strikers, Farrugia and Ikonomou would also relish the casual marking Beggs and Hall had enjoyed.

Croatia can play much better — and they just have to if they want to win.

Never again can they afford the luxury of entering the arena in the hope that they will improvise their way into the Grand Final.

On Sunday they will face a Melita Eagles coached by one of the smartest young men in the business, Raul Blanco, certain to devise tactics suitable for the occasion.

So it promises to be a first class, dramatic battle, hopefully in front of a crowd approaching the 10,000 mark.

We feel that Croatia couldn't possibly play so badly again and will make amends.

But they have to get going in the first few minutes instead of waking up from their coma towards the end when all is lost.

If Ikonomou and Farrugia are allowed to weave their intricate patterns, Croatia will be in trouble.

Otherwise their experience and overall class could — and should — prevail.

## PSL SPECIAL

## NEXT WEEK

All about the Philips Soccer League of 1978 ... that's our theme next week.

Detailed list of all appearances of all players; all the scorers; how the various States did against one another; attendance charts; the season split into two fascinating halves.

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## PEACE TALKS

Last minute palavers are being held to stave off a major confrontation between the PSL and the NSW Federation over the re-affiliation of the five Sydney clubs.

The deadline has been set for Friday, October 6.

We have learned from reliable sources that some of the PSL clubs suggested they be allowed to re-affiliate — without actually fielding any teams in the Federation.

The NSW Federation has rejected the idea out of hand.

According to reports, sharp personal differences dating back many years between leading officials on both sides prevent an agreement being reached.

Sadat and Begin might have made peace in Camp David — but our feuds appear to go on and on and on ...

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# NSW AMPOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Watkiss-kids romp into Grand Final

History may be repeating itself: that grand "old" man of Australian soccer — perhaps the grandest of all — Johnny Watkiss seems to be recreating the era of the Canterbury Kids.

Himself a former Canterbury prodigy, Watkiss has developed Sutherland into a youthful, zestful and talented outfit.

Their 4-1 whipping of 1978 champions Croatia in Monday's semifinal was accomplished in style and with verve.

From the very start they emerged as the enterprising and aggressive partner in this duel; they seized the initiative early in the piece and never let go until the end.

Sutherland were faster with and without the ball, and played to a tactical plan, obviously devised by Watkiss himself.

In sharp contrast, Croatia were disjointed and without any semblance of a battle plan.

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Basterfield to mark him out of the game, while Sullivan waited, in vain, for some through-balls.

But the real disaster area was

Croatia's sluggish defence which

was pierced almost at will.

In the first seven minutes Sutherland could have established a cosy lead; Watson saved a dangerous shot and then referee Rampley ignored a penalty appeal when Beggs was brought down.

Still, Croatia's goose was

already cooking. In the 24th

minute Schumann, that superbly talented stopper, broke through.

His shot, from some 25 metres, looked innocent enough — but Watson dived late and palmed the ball into the corner.

A Watkiss header went just wide in the 35th minute — then a minute later it was 2-0.

Craig Hall, with his back to the goal, pirouetted brilliantly and smashed the ball into the upper left corner from 20 metres.

Just on halftime Sutherland's victory was assured. Basterfield curved the ball in from the left, Beggs, unmarked, took it down, turned — and the rest was easy.

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Despite some sporadic attacks, Croatia managed to get only a very token consolation.

Right on fulltime Phil Crags dropped and easy ball and Kev Coleman slotted it home from a few metres.

This was, undoubtedly, one of Croatia's worst performances for a long time.

The entire team looked jaded and almost bored. Their playmakers — Abonyi, Stone, Savor — all flopped badly.

In the Sutherland team, none earned more kudos than Watkiss himself, playing brilliantly in mid-field.

**Schumann in defence, Basterfield in the middle and the deadly duo of Beggs and Craig Hall up front proved more than enough on the day.**

**SUTHERLAND:** Crags 3, Wykes 3, Dal Forno 4, Schumann 4, Hesford 4, **Watkiss** 5, Meades (P. Hall 22m, 3), Basterfield 4, Holl 4, Beggs 4, Harrington 3.

**CROATIA:** Watson 2, B. Russell 2, Cagali 3 (Basic 46m), Mullen 3, Smith 3, Savor 4, Stone 2, Coleman 3, J. Russell 2, Abonyi 2, Sullivan 2.

**Goals:** 1-0 Schumann (7m), 2-0 Hall (36m), 3-0 Beggs (45m), 4-0 Dal Forno, pen. (75m), 4-1 Coleman (90m). **Referee:** P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 5614.



Tony Ikonomon (right), the polished Melita star, in action last Sunday.

## NEW PROSPECT

One of the newest and one of the oldest clubs in the Western region are to merge next year in the hope of fielding a much stronger team in second division.

One is Guildford Wanderers which had a running battle with Marrickville this season in the struggle to avoid relegation, managing by only two points — winning their last match.

The other club involved is Prospect County which was only formed four years ago and finished ninth on the table at the end of this season.

Guildford secretary Ray Flippence said this week: "The idea to amalgamate the two neighboring clubs is to get a stronger team on the field with a bigger following in the district."

"It will also strengthen the management of the new club with more staff which should give it a better chance for rebuilding."

After some weeks of negotiations, both clubs have agreed on terms put forward and a new club will be formed soon to be called Guildford County Soccer and Recreation Club.

Guildford Park, which has been the home ground of the Wanderers for many years, will be retained as the home of the new club and the blue and gold colors of the Wanderers will also be retained.

The Prospect County colors of red and white vertical stripes will be used by the club as an alternate strip.

Prospect County secretary Mrs. Val Hokin said this week that both clubs, which were operating from the same

district, were facing common problems both in playing staff and administration.

Two executive positions on the new club executive will come from Prospect County in addition to one other position on the administration of the new club to be formed.

Apart from several players, Prospect County will contribute about \$10,000, most of which (about \$8000) will go towards improvements to Guildford Park.

This should give a big boost to the new set-up, as Guildford Park is already established as one of the main soccer grounds in the Western district.

It already has many facilities, both for senior and junior soccer with several pitches — all with a reasonably maintained playing surface.

The grounds are all enclosed with proper fencing and the increased support could mean more financial benefit for the new club.

Guildford has been involved with junior soccer for many years, and the new arrangement could mean an increased number of teams which will be competing in the Granville District Junior Football Association and the Sydney Amateur League.

This season Guildford fielded 21 other teams apart from their three Federation teams.

Club officials are keen to appoint a new coach to start preparing for next season, and anyone interested should ring Ray Flippence on 632-4082.

— C. SPITERI

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In the 24th minute Auburn's Kevin Dobson was dispatched for a crude foul on Ikonomou; the sentence was like shooting a shoplifter during martial law. Perhaps a caution would have done.

For the rest of the first half, Auburn stayed in the game — but just.

In the 25th minute the Farrugia-Ikonomou-Parker trio, all alone, managed to botch up an absolute sitter and, eight minutes later, Ikonomou's shot was saved by Gisbourne — with his foot.

At the other end Tracey, then Hamilton went close to scoring — and that was Auburn's swansong.

Some 13 minutes after resumption, Auburn's already reduced hopes were in ruins.

Ikonomou cut through their defence with consummate ease, brushing off three pathetic challenges, laid on the ball to Jones and he merely added his willing boot to the execution.

It was all Melita Eagles now; composed, well organised and fluid against an Auburn gradually disintegrating under pressure.

In the 63rd minute young Tilt could have reduced the gap but missed in the goalmouth — and retribution for his sins was swift.

A minute later Ikonomou tried again a long range shot, the ball bounced on the ground — and over a late-diving Gisbourne for goal number three.

Melita's display, even considering Auburn's handicap, was most impressive.

In many ways, their display had the distinct hallmark of coach Raul Blanco's style: precise passing and clever running off the ball.

Auburn looked outclassed from the start. After Dobson's dismissal Hamilton moved into the defence, but his lack of speed and hard tackling put extra pressure on young Fairclough and Peters.

**MELITA:** Marsden 4, Vervenis 4, Yamine 4, Huntley 3 (McPherson 75m), Mikas 3, Darvill 4, McAusland 3, **Ikonomou** 5, Farrugia 4, Jones 3, Parker 3.

**AUBURN:** Gisbourne 2, Cornett 2, Dobson 1 (sent off), Fairclough 3, Peters 3, Bielby 2 (McKendrick 60m), Hamilton 3, McDonald 3, Tilt 2 (Sidey 60m), Stephenson 2, Tracey 3.

**Goals:** 1-0 Farrugia (7m), 2-0 Jones (58m), 3-0 Ikonomou (64m). **Referee:** A. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 1800. **Sent off:** Dobson.

— A.D.

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# NSW AMPOL CHAMPIONSHIPS



## It's Croatia but with a big "if"

—By Keith Gilmour—

The utterly unexpected has happened, and it is Croatia who face Melita Eagles in Sunday's big Ampol NSW Championship final at the Sports Ground.

And, of the contestants, it is the Eagles who must be classed the form team of the moment.

All three Melita strikers proved themselves against Auburn by scoring last week.

The deeds of Terry Jones, Tony Ikonomou and Joe Farrugia were greatly helped by the work put in by their midfield.

Nippy Brian Parker has reached peak form, and the less spectacular but unremitting work of Colin McAusland and Vernon Darvill has not gone without notice.

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Melita did look just so good, but I believe that Sunday's results will hinge to a tremendous degree on whether Croatia can bring players around the back to disturb the Eagles' defence.

Steve Ververis, Phil Mikas, Richard Yamine and Andy Huntley played valiantly last week, but they could be vulnerable if Croatia applied real pressure.

With Ian McGovern likely to be fit again, Melita coach Raul Blanco has another player to disturb the opposition.

It looks like a week of intense therapy for Croatia's Bruno Cagaj, whose right ankle is badly swollen.

Then there is the matter of whether Marijan Kovacic will be back again to weave some of his magic in attack.

Certainly Croatia must get their midfield working again if they are to go through and test Sutherland in Sunday week's Grand Final.

Neither Walter Savor, Kevin Coleman nor Ian Stone had the necessary authority last week.

Indeed, Abonyi himself may have to slip back into a midfield role to provide the medicine needed to raise his team's work rate.

Although Tom Basic is a fine replacement, much will depend on whether the young giant Cagaj is fit enough to play.

It must be classed as anyone's game but, in spite of their let-down last week, I favor Croatia narrowly in a very keen encounter.



### MOVES IN NORTH NSW

Applications for the new Northern NSW State League have now been called, and close on October 31.

A strong steering committee has been formed in Tamworth, and the members are confident that they can form a worthwhile club in this magnificent "City of Lights" on the Peel.

A similar position exists in Coffs Harbour, where investigations have got to the stage that the recruiting of a top class coach and players of strength are under discussion.

In Lismore the local "Star" newspaper recently carried a third of its back page on details of progress in this 22,000 population city, which has the big township of Casino so close by.

Grafton (17,000) of the Clarence and right in "Big River" country, is in the process of formation.

Taree has been a little slow at moving, but Port Macquarie on the Hastings is under way.

At the Newcastle end things are somewhat quieter, but under the surface there is considerable activity in the suggested areas of Gosford, Lake Macquarie and the Cudfields.

The Brisbane Water and The Entrance districts now have a regular population of 75,000, which makes them the biggest centre of population in the whole of Northern NSW with the exception of the Newcastle district.

Harley Dixon, president of the Northern NSW Federation, has visited many of the centres in the past fortnight.

"The move for the new competition is spreading so fast that we do not know which city or town to expect on the telephone next," he said.

"I was surprised also at the amount of media cover, including television, that the new competition is receiving."

He also mentioned that Northern NSW was determined to carry out its objective of fostering soccer football throughout all of Northern NSW.

"Youngsters must be given the chance to go ahead in the code."

"In amateur ranks there are so many players developing."

"Up in the New England the playing strength is increasing at such a rate that the further north areas as far as Tenterfield are aiming to establish their own separate division, made up of a number of separate associations," he added.

—K.G.

Three Croatia stars who could play a vital role on Sunday: Abonyi (top), Kovacic (above) and Stone (right).

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# HANDS ACROSS THE TASMAN?

## NZ clubs would thrive on union

With the initial impact and enthusiasm of New Zealand's national league (Rothmans Soccer League) an ageing memory the cries have been long and constant concerning the ailing competition.

Crowds have been declining dramatically since the league's inception in 1970.

Then a top of the table clash would draw 7000 to 10,000 spectators to Auckland's Newmarket Park.

Now, before and after the English imports on loan have returned home, 1000 hardy fans represent a good crowd.

And at the notorious Basin Reserve in Wellington this year there were more seagulls present than the 200 human spectators to watch glamor side Trans Tours United (formerly Christchurch United) play struggling home side Columbus Waterside.

Soccer skills and attractive football have also been a rarity over the past few seasons and a handy scapegoat has been the negative pressure the three relegation spots puts on the 12-team league.

By Terry Hobin, Editor, Soccer News (NZ's national soccer monthly).

It is little short of ridiculous that a quarter of the league is relegated each year.

However, the reasons for the decline go deeper and briefly include:

- The invidious comparison between the weekly fare of top British soccer on TV and the local product.

- The terrible state of pitches during the muddy winter.

- The "soldiers of fortune" who flit around from club to club, raking off totally unwarranted signing on and match fees from already financially exhausted coffers.

- Too many clubs in Auckland (six next year).

- Too many clubs in Wellington this year; the three teams struggled all year to avoid relegation with one finally making the drop. With only two teams in previous years a first and second place had been achieved.

- Short-sighted planning of fixture lists constantly being interrupted by the weather, touring teams and the national team.

- Not enough players of a high enough standard to fill 12 national league teams.

The early days saw the league include eight and then 10 team leagues.

So where do we go from here?

A recent proposal has been for the national competition to be regionalised (three regions), with the top two teams from each region forming an end of season super league.

It would be a retrograde step as the national league initially sprang from the country's three national leagues which now provide the three promotion spots into the top flight.

Why not look outwards instead of inwards?

An Australasian League would be a tremendously positive step forward.

I have often maintained that Rothmans Soccer League should be reduced to include eight, at the most 10, teams, and with the incredible incentive of the top three or four teams initially going into international competition, a new-found zest would be added to our bread and butter soccer.

And, of course, in following seasons teams would have promotion to the Australasian League to fight for.

The benefits would be enormous:

- Average gates would jump and in New Zealand crowds of 5000 (at \$1.50 to \$2.00 a head) would be sufficient to cover trans-Tasman costs.

- Closer liaison between the two countries would be immediately beneficial, not just to NZ soccer.

- In NZ the headache of half the league coming from Auckland would be solved because for a team to perform well it would virtually have to be an Auckland representative side.

- Thus the fans would be right behind the team.

- When the national league started in NZ it really grabbed headlines as it created national news but now, nine seasons later, the gloss and the glamor has gone.

- The concept needs updating, the material requires repackaging and an Australasian League fits the bill.

- Could NZ clubs cope?

- Some would have little trouble. The two top sides in local football this decade have been Mount Wellington (Auckland) and Trans Tours United. They are the closest we have to professionally run clubs at national league level.

- A team representative of the best in the capital would serve Wellington well and the situation could be emulated in smaller centres such as Nelson, Palmerston North and Dunedin, depending on current player strengths.

- It only needs a few far sighted Kiwis to lift off the ground and get together with a few far sighted Soccerroos to turn the sagging 1970s into the exciting 1980s.

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## PSL SHOULD GROW SOUTH

Australia's Philips Soccer League looks more and more like the common cold: everybody around turns up with surefire potions to make the patient better.

Not that the patient is really sick: the PSL is a healthy, bouncy baby, representing the biggest breakthrough in Australian soccer history.

One rather suspects that ultra conservative if not parochial administration, timid thinking and a massive inferiority complex have all contributed to Tasmania's soccer backwardness.

But these can be overcome — if the Tasmanians want it. I cannot believe that, on a modest scale, Hobart couldn't harness the same strength and enthusiasm Canberra did in 1977 and field a PSL team by 1980 or so.

In many ways, the PSL is based on contradictions. It was conceived and established to provide soccer with a national and "Australian" image — yet for its support it relies heavily on our ethnic communities.

Four of the 14 clubs have a decent Greek background, three have Italian; that's exactly half of the total.

Without exception, all clubs pay lip service to the oft repeated credo that they want to rely on "local youngsters", then turn around and import players galore from Britain, Yugoslavia, South America and anywhere else they can find them.

But the real problems lie elsewhere: Australia, this vast land just a fraction smaller than the USA, has become congested.

Curiously, I feel the PSL's next major expansion must be to New Zealand; there is no earthly reason why we couldn't have an Australasian competition.

Sydney to Auckland is just over two hours of flying with few formalities and restrictions.

The cheapest airfare now stands at \$200 return — slightly above the Sydney-Adelaide fare. Perhaps group concession rates could bring this down further.

Auckland, maybe Wellington or other centres, should be able to field two or three powerful, concentrated teams able to hold their own in the PSL.

The PSL was founded with the notion that interstate rivalry will add to the excitement.

Surely a little international flavor could do the trick even better.

Of course, to achieve this the two neighbours across the Tasman must come to their senses.

Australia has to stop being patronising about New Zealand and regard it as a mini-Tasmania, which it certainly isn't.

The same way New Zealand has to come out of its defensive stance and take up the fight on equal terms.

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Dave Sneddon (Mount Wellington) breaks through the WDU defence in a recent Rothmans League game. Photo: Terry Hobin.

I know there will be difficulties of organisational and technical nature; I rather expect that I will be given 50 reasons why we shouldn't even attempt to join forces with New Zealand, or not yet anyway.

But I refuse to believe that our soccer futures are not tied together very closely.

And if that is the case why, for heaven's sake, don't we try to find the most logical common denominator and expand our semi-professional leagues towards each other? —A.D.

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# PHILIPS CUP 1978



**Adelaide City      Canberra City**

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Adelaide City's advance to the Philips Cup final coincided with the opening of SA's Italian Festival last Sunday.

And, while Adelaide City captured the festival mood to triumph over Canberra City, the annual event cut deeply into the attendance at Olympic Sports Field.

Adelaide earned their chance to bring the big Philips double of championship and cup to SA with a fine second half performance.

Adelaide, minus their incomparable striker Dixie Deans (hamstring) and with their captain Gary Marocchi (ankle) relegated to the substitute's bench, rallied after Canberra had snatched an early lead through Brian Stoddart.

Stoddart, who was the leading goalscorer in South Africa two years ago, took his chance superbly as he rose majestically to head home a corner kick from John Heywood.

Adelaide equalised four minutes later as Dean's deputy, Robert Marwe, nipped in to kick the ball as Canberra goalkeeper Ron Tilsed bounced it in routine fashion before attempting a clearance.

The clearance did not eventuate as the alert Marwe got his boot to the ball but Tilsed released it from his grasp.

Referee Tim Davies unhesitatingly awarded the goal after the ball entered the net but the Canberra players, hotly disputing the decision, pointed to linesman Paul Smallman who stood firm with his flag raised.

However, referee Davies confirmed his decision after conferring with his linesman.

Canberra, seemingly undeterred by the reverse, proceeded to more than match Adelaide in the mid-field where John Davies was a dominant figure.

**Brisbane City**

**Newcastle**

**2 (0)**

**0**

(after extra time)

This semifinal of Philips Cup didn't turn out the way we would all have liked.

City settled for the team who had disposed of Hakoah, while Newcastle were minus Joe Senkalski who had been previously cup tied.

Some moves looked promising, other ended almost before they started with the old fault, bad passing, causing most of the breakdown.

Newcastle on the other hand looked to be completely refreshed after their week's break, and with Boden showing off his skills in taking on whatever defender tried to mark him, Endacott's diagonal running into the goal area where his height was proving a major problem and Trendennick's skilful use of the wing space it looked to be only a matter of time before United took the lead.

City powered on their way depending on the speed of Caldwell and Kelso or the sharpness of Gaffney to score the one goal that would surely win the game.

Extra time started almost at once and City proved the stronger, more determined side as they surged forward, with only isolated breakaways to watch out for.

The goal, when it came was perhaps a bit of an anti-climax.

— JIM BINNIE

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BRISBANE CITY  
V  
ADELAIDE CITY**

**PERRY PARK, BRISBANE**

# CUP MAY GO TO ADELAIDE

If determination is enough, Brisbane City should be at tight odds to win the Philips Cup in Sunday's final.

They seem to be tailored for cup battles and even the luck of the draw has taken them under its wings.

Fitness is unlikely to be a problem with Brisbane City who usually come good in the second halves — and positively thrive on extra time.

It's a big question how they will survive the absence of Echeverria (suspended).

Gaffney may revert back to his customary midfield role and the Queenslanders will probably rely on the giant Kelso to get a sudden goal or two.

Against this you have the enigmatic yet talented Adelaide City thirsting for a cup success.

On their day then can handle any team in Australia, at home or abroad — and at other times they crack up almost without rhyme or reason.

If Deans and Marocchi were fully fit, Adelaide City would start as hot favourites.

But even without them they have enough class to set the tempo of the match in midfield.

Their problem could be attack where far too much burden is placed on the shoulders of John Nyskohus.

Marwe is no Dixie Deans and it will be hard to replace the suspended Northcote.

If Adelaide City are to win, they will have to get the goals with their "second wave", mainly Perin and Muniz.

No doubt they will pay special attention to Kelso, a dangerous goal-getter and veteran Lister may be sacrificed to mark him closely.

If both teams played close to their peak, we would prefer Adelaide City's chances.

But it's difficult and dangerous to underestimate Brisbane City who, in two years of the Philips Cup, have yet to lose a match.



John Perin

## Adelaide News

Adelaide City coach Les Scheinflug will pin his Philips Cup final hopes on the recuperative powers of Dixie Deans and Gary Marocchi.

The key pair missed last week's semifinal against Canberra City, but both will be needed if Adelaide City is to break the graveyard jinx of Perry Park.

In two years of PSL competition, Adelaide City have yet to win at this "unpopular" venue.

Adelaide will be without the services of their versatile utility player Brian Northcote, who will be forced to sit out the final after receiving a yellow card last week.

Northcote's absence will be offset by the suspension of Brisbane City's Roberto Echeverria, who was red-carded against Newcastle last Sunday.

Coach Scheinflug spent a troubled week before the Canberra clash because it was not until the virtual eve of the semi that John Besir (thigh), John Perin (foot) and Zoran Matic (knee) were cleared to play.

A similar period of suspense awaits Scheinflug this week as he trusts that the "magic" sponge of chief trainer Chic Caudo will allow Deans (hamstring) and Marocchi (ankle) to play in the final.

— A. CRISP

# Perry is our top PSL player of year

Brisbane City's terrier fullback Steve Perry is Soccer World's "Player of the Year".

During the 26 rounds Perry scored the highest match award average with an amazing 4.44 points from a possible 6 points.

He was followed by two West Adelaide players, Neil McGachey (4.26) and Peter Boyle (4.20), Roberto Vieri of Marconi (4.12).

**GOALKEEPERS:**

1. Gary Meier (Olympic) ..... 3.95
2. Martyn Crook (West Adelaide) ..... 3.92
3. Nigel Lownds (Brisbane Lions) ..... 3.86

**RIGHT FULLBACKS:**

1. Barry Reynolds (West Adelaide) ..... 3.88
2. Bogdan Nyskohus (Adelaide City) ..... 3.84
3. Danny Moulis (Canberra) ..... 3.72

**FREEBACKS:**

1. Steve Perry (Brisbane City) ..... 4.44
2. Jim Hermiston (Brisbane Lions) ..... 4.00
3. David Jones (West Adelaide) ..... 3.95

**STOPPERS:**

1. Frank Lister (Adelaide City) ..... 4.08
2. Con Curran (Newcastle) ..... 4.00
3. Jim Tansey (Fitzroy) ..... 3.84

**LEFT FULLBACKS:**

1. Paul Degney (Marconi) ..... 3.92
2. Col Curran (Newcastle) ..... 3.88
3. Jim Tansey (Fitzroy) ..... 3.64

**RIGHT MIDFIELD:**

1. Roberto Vieri (Marconi) ..... 4.12
2. Bill Summerscales (Newcastle) ..... 4.00
3. Derek Laing (Olympic) ..... 3.84

**LEFT MIDFIELD:**

1. Neil McGachey (West Adelaide) ..... 4.26
2. Tony Henderson (Canberra) ..... 3.96
3. Jim Rooney (Marconi) ..... 3.80



Steve Perry

In the left wing position, South Melbourne provided the first two placegetters — surely a unique feat.

The points were based on performance evaluations by our match reporters during the season.

Only those who appeared in at least half the matches were considered for the final placings.

**CENTRE MIDFIELD:**

1. Neil McGachey (West Adelaide) ..... 4.26
2. Tony Henderson (Canberra) ..... 3.96
3. Jim Rooney (Marconi) ..... 3.80

**LEFT MIDFIELD:**

1. Peter Boyle (West Adelaide) ..... 4.20
2. Murray Barnes (Hakoah) ..... 3.86
3. Alan Ainslie (Olympic) ..... 3.83

**RIGHT WING:**

1. Peter Sharne (Marconi) ..... 3.83
2. John Nyskohus (Adelaide City) ..... 3.83
3. Joe Palinkas (Footscray) ..... 3.72

**CENTRAL STRIKER:**

1. Ken Boden (Newcastle) ..... 4.03
2. Alan Marley (Brisbane City) ..... 3.72
3. Graham Honeyman (West Adelaide) ..... 3.69

**LEFT WING:**

1. George Campbell (South Melbourne) ..... 4.00
2. Chris Kent (South Melbourne) ..... 3.92
3. Hilton Silva (Hakoah) ..... 3.88

**OUR PSL TEAM OF THE YEAR:**

GARY MEIER  
(Olympic)

BARRY REYNOLDS  
(West Adelaide)

STEVE PERRY  
(Brisbane City)

FRANK LISTER  
(Adelaide City)

PAUL DEGNEY  
(Marconi)

ROBERTO VIERI  
(Marconi)

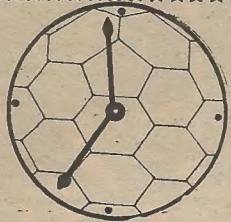
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(West Adelaide)

PETER SHARNE  
(Marconi)

KEN BODEN  
(Newcastle)

PETER BOYLE  
(West Adelaide)

GEORGE CAMPBELL  
(South Melbourne)

**3 TO 7**Conducted by Val Hokin  
and Emmanuel Kanna

Mary Devic, Miss King Tomislav.

The annual Bloomfield Country Club tournament, known to all as the Orange Cup, is a round-robin. This year clubs such as Hurstville Park, Liverpool, Bathurst '75, Blacktown Utd and many local clubs competed with the finalists being Fairfield RSL and West Pymble. The match was drawn 1-1 and went on to penalties with Fairfield RSL finally clinching the cup. Goal scorer was Jeff Griffin.

Eastern Creek (6th Div) has recently obtained sponsorship for '79: \$400 from J. B. Douglas & Son, real estate agents in St. Marys. Further assistance to the club in another form has come from Blacktown Council, allocating \$5000 for improved lighting at Cawarra Park. The club's presentation evening went off well with over 200 people attending. The player of the year (1st grade) award went to Doug Spargo with the 2nd grade award going to Dave Spargo. The clubman of the year award went to Mrs Barbara Przyborabala for her work and efforts with the club canteen, raffles and social functions.

Fairfield West (6th Div) have won the local Hoxton Brake and Steering Trophy conducted by the Mt Busby Utd club. The semifinals were played between Concord Jun (2) and CFS Bankstown (0) and Fairfield West (2) and Mt Busby (0) with the final result being Concord Jun (0) v Fairfield West (0), Fairfield winning on penalties.

Edensor Park (7th Div) conducted their dinner dance with some 850 people attending. It was a memorable night in the lavishly appointed dining room. The main event of the evening was the crowning of Miss King Tomislav 1978. She is Mary Devic, a 19-year-old Australian born of Croatian parents, employed as a secretary. Miss Devic will represent the King Tomislav club at the Inter-Croatian competition in November in the ACT. Anyone wishing to join a bus trip to Canberra for this competition should phone the club on 604-2619 for details. The club begin laying the turf on their new ground this week with fencing going up the next. It is hoped the '79 Inter-Croatian competition will be held at Edensor Park.

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**CLUB PATROL**

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The NSW under 19 team is undergoing regular practice matches with their coach JOE VLASITS. They only went down 0-2 to the full Easts-Hakoah squad, and on Wednesday night they played Melita Eagles at Englefield Stadium.

Sutherland's player-coach JOHN WATKISS only has one real injury worry at present, in STEVEN MEADES. Steve has been suffering from a leg injury for a few weeks now, and it is touch and go whether he will regain a first team spot for Sunday.

Auburn coach VIC DALGLEISH gambled on the fitness of striker ANDY TRACEY — and, unfortunately, lost. Andy has been carrying an injury for several weeks to an ankle and was rested against Granville in the last round in the hope he would be fit for the sudden death semifinal with Melita. However, the ankle didn't improve and Andy was nowhere his deadly best and Auburn's attack lacked punch as a result.

Young Arncliffe starlet TOM PERIC has been sent to train with the famous Hajduk Split for two months in the Australian off season. The trip was arranged by coach Ves Vojnovic.

Last weekend YUGAL took part in a friendly picnic match as part of the winding-down after the season, and afterwards the club's committee gathered for an informal chat on how they all saw the season.

Young Melita goalkeeper GARY MARSDEN has done enough in the past two outings for the club to retain his first

**LAST WEEK'S RESULTS****SEMIFINALS**Grade 2:  
Graffiti v Sutherland 2-1

APIA v Manly 1-0

Grade 3:  
Arncliffe v APIA 3-0

Sutherland v Manly 4-1

**WEST HOLROYD**

The West Holroyd George Cross Soccer Club was founded in September, 1974, by Charles Ciantar, the present president. A committee of 15 was formed after one year.

In 1975 the club was accepted by the Sydney Amateur Soccer League. The reserve grade won their premiership while the first grade finished third and gained promotion.

The year 1976 also saw West Holroyd field four junior teams, with their under-7s taking out the grand championship.

In 1976 the club fielded seven junior teams, with three of them taking out their championships.

In 1976 the club's name was changed to Pendle Hill to enable their affiliation with the Federation as there was already a Holroyd club in existence.

Again the reserve grade won their

team spot for the Final on Sunday. Against Monaro in the last competition round he denied TONY MORSELLO a winning goal in the last seconds, which would have knocked Melita out of the top four, and then last week against Auburn he kept a clean sheet in the 3-0 win.

Croatia hope that their talented young striker, MARIJAN KOVACIC, will be fully recovered for Croatia's Sunday match after missing last week's game against Sutherland through injury. Marijan, after avoiding injury on the field for most of the year, dropped a tool on his foot at work and badly damaged his ankle. However, ATTILA ABONYI is hopeful that the youngster will be fit after the week's spell.

An interesting point was raised last week by members of the University of New South Wales Soccer club who, at one stage, looked set for promotion into first division before Ku-ring-gai caught them and overhauled the rest of the field. The university team are keen to know what would have been the ruling had they qualified, or if they qualify next year, on ground safety measures. The David

**POOR SEND OFF**  
A feast of goals and a lack of spectators (only some 150) characterised the Dave McQuire Testimonial at Lambert Park on Saturday.

Five goals were put away in the early veterans game, and seven in the feature match.

APIA defeated a PSL select 4-3, and the "APIA Greats" defeated a "Rest of the World" 3-2.

Clive Eaton scored twice in the main game and it looked like old times when Jimmy Rooney glided a Butler pass past Terry Eaton.

Butler himself scored when a Bob McGinn rocket ricocheted to him off Terry Eaton.

In the early game John Giacometti (2) and Danny McKinnon netted for APIA, and Roy Blitz and Stan Foster for the Rest.

— S. Mutimer.

Phillips Field, where the Uni team plays its home matches, is not fenced off from "spectators" and, if in 1979 they do win promotion, there could be serious problems as regards a suitable ground.

NSW Coaching Director JOE VLASITS has just completed a course for coaches at the Nepean; 21 attended and about half have passed their exams.

A squad from Arncliffe Scots travelled up to Coolangatta last Friday to take part in the "TWIN TOWNS TOURNAMENT" which was held over the long weekend. Arncliffe won the tournament back in 1974, and send a squad away each year as a form of relaxation at the end of the season. The squad is a combined group from members of the first team and the All Age team which competes in the local St. George competition. Likeable Scots Secretary DAVE DORIAN also went along, as he is a member of the All Age team.

The much publicised testimonial match for DAVE MCQUIRE at Lambert Park last Saturday was a heart rendering failure, with only 150 people attending to see off one of the last serving greats of the club. Admittedly, the planning of the match was a little hard to fathom, coming as it did at the end of the season. Perhaps it would have been better to promote the game midway through the year when a competition match could have been arranged, with a friendly match as curtain raiser.

Yugal's stalwart DUSAN PURAC has returned from his holiday to Yugoslavia with his family, and will rejoin the team for a series of friendly matches arranged in the coming months.

The University of New South Wales is planning to hold a five-a-

side soccer competition through the summer months. Details as yet have not been finalised and, hopefully, they will be passed on to us within the next few weeks.

The new St. George coach JOE GELEI is due to arrive in Sydney with his family on Thursday morning, October 5.

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# OLD PRIDE MAY REJOIN LIONS

Lions, in perspective, could only be pleased with their position in the Philips League table at the end of the 1978 season.

Who among the "learned gentlemen" of Australian soccer would have forecast a Brisbane team challenging for a top four place in a national competition after only two seasons' play?

However, to be realistic, we must also remember that an Adelaide team won the title, and won it well, so perhaps Lions' performance was less than we should expect from a club that has always prided itself on its progressive policies and an aggressive administration to carry them out.

To be honest, Lions "on field" performance was, perhaps, the best aspect of a season where one crisis seemed to follow another with amazing regularity.

Behind the scenes the "battles" commenced when new manager Brian Daykin, an "import" to Australian soccer, went after Jim Hermiston and paid a new Australian record fee, a fee absolutely ridiculous in its magnitude, to procure him.

Some great news offset this incident when it was publicly announced that the American fast food company, Kentucky Fried Chicken, was moving behind the club as sponsors.

Then, in somewhat mysterious circumstances, the club directors completely about-faced and announced that Brian Daykin, the "ultra professional", would not be staying with the club.

Before his departure he had fixed up Steve Amos and Paul Ontong from southern clubs and initiated the migration of a goalkeeper, Nigel Lowndes, from England, so the incumbent coach, quiet, modest, Hungarian born, Gyula Vincze, inherited a squad of players in somewhat strange circumstances.

Then the biggest crisis of all began to show itself on the barren seats of Perry Park.

Crowds, healthy during the first season, nosedived spectacularly, and Lions met the challenge alone through a newly formed marketing and promotions committee, who fought against an almost impossible apathy at all levels, trying to sell the game to the public.

Adding insult to injury was the fact that any positive response these people had to their efforts meant little or no difference to their monetary gain as the greater percentage of the spectator dollar

## PSL REVIEW 1978

By Jim Binnie —

flowed into Federation coffers through the "winning and dining" facilities at Perry Park.

Inevitably, this had led to a "cold war" between Lions and the local management committee of the Federation, an impasse that has recently seen the ASF and PSL pass judgment that may allow the club to play its next season's fixtures on their own ground at Indala, a Brisbane satellite town of some 50,000 souls, mostly British migrant stock of post war years.

**That he managed to steer the team to sixth place says a lot for the man's integrity and sheer doggedness.**

What of the future? The club directors, aware of past errors, are now taking a long hard look at themselves and their organisation.

Measures have been taken to tighten up the financial drain that in the past has often reached flood proportions.

There is no doubt that the

club feels that the price will be infinitely cheaper than the losses they were likely to incur had they remained at Perry Park.

On the field the team, brought together by two influences, Scheinflug and Daykin, looked what they were, a hybrid.

Scheinflug, the dedicated method man, and Daykin, the self confessed "Clough disciple", had gone for players of experience who knew the modern game, the game of containment, patience, and the devastating break, but somehow, under the purism of continental Vincze, it never quite came to fruition.

Everyone in PSL soccer knew that a game against Lions wouldn't be easy; they won games, drew games, losing precious few games, but always missing was that magical spark that makes the football of Hakoah or Marconi feared in every PSL camp.

## ADELAIDE

Edited by  
VIC MIGLIACCIO

Australian national coach Rudi Gutendorf made his first visit to Adelaide last Wednesday to watch the local under-19 talent in action before naming his national squad to compete in New Zealand in November.

The youngsters played a 2-2 draw against an understrength West Adelaide.

After the match Gutendorf said that he liked what he saw and was very impressed with West's 18-year-old George Koulianou and Azzurri's Paul Iannone, 17.

West Adelaide were minus Neil McGachey, Con Kambas, Graham Honeyman, Barry Reynolds, Graham Norris and David Pillans. The PSL champions looked only a shadow of their earlier form but young fullback Victor Bozanic did enough to impress Gutendorf when commenting that Bozanic was a "world class prospect".

Azzurri's executives and SA Federation officials will meet later this week to discuss the possibility of using Hindmarsh Stadium for the next season. Azzurri's home ground, Adey Reserve, was inspected by the SASF grounds committee and was declared not suitable for league matches. Azzurri will travel to Mt. Gambier on October 29 to contest a friendly with a Mt. Gambier club.

Second division runner-up Port Adelaide scored a convincing 3-0 victory over second division league champion Campbelltown-Budapest in the John Martin Cup at Hindmarsh. Adelaide City's third division side continued their clean sweep, winning all the available awards in the division when they beat Adelaide University 3-1 in the Challenge Cup.

On Saturday, October 7, a Northern area select (Whyalla) will dash with the SA Amateur State League at 3pm at Hindmarsh. Curtain-raiser is Northern area U/19 v Adelaide U/19.

On Monday, October 9 (public holiday) during the current "Italian Festival" starting at 9am to 6.30pm, soccer will be played continuously at Norwood Oval. Eight amateur clubs will compete for the City of Gubba Cup. There will also be an exhibition match between Adelaide City and Azzurri at 5.00pm.

The program is — 9.00am: Adelaide Avellino v Altavilla Metropolitan; 9.50am: Molfetta v Molinara; 10.40am: Western United v Newton; 11.30am: Salisbury Inter v Goodwood Layola; 1.10pm: First semifinal; 2.00pm: Second semifinal; 2.40pm: Final.

Adelaide City coach Les Scheinflug boarded the same plane last Sunday as the Canberra team so he could return to Sydney in time for his 40th birthday celebrations with his family. When asked what he most wanted as a birthday he said: "For my club Adelaide City to win the Philips Cup."

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Therein lies the tale of Lions' success or failure in the season past; who in soccer really marked them down as a threat?

To analyse where the team went wrong is, perhaps, hard on coach Vincze, for, with key players Spearritt and Morris hampered most of the season with injury and illness, a personality clash with the unsettled Fairbrother, a slow "to form" Amos, and Laslo and Ontong never really showing their best touches, his squad was precariously undemanded for having a tilt at the title.

Certain players ran hot and cold, others gave the impression of wanting to do their own thing, usually at the wrong time, but these are problems encountered by most coaches so there is no doubt the experience gained by the coach last year will be worth far more than dollars to his career.

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What of the future? The club directors, aware of past errors, are now taking a long hard look at themselves and their organisation.

Measures have been taken to tighten up the financial drain that in the past has often reached flood proportions.

There is no doubt that the

"Lions Come Home" decision has created great interest at their grass root support level, and already schemes are under way to help the club out of its financial crisis.

Facilities at Pine Road, their home complex, are to be upgraded using voluntary labor, a support function that would have been out of the question last season.

On the playing side of things amateurish management is continuing to throw up problems.

A farcical situation that saw many PSL players put on two-year contracts means that now there are players of the calibre of George Potter, John Neale, Geoff Morris, Roddy McKenzie, Alan Hughes and Paul Laslo, all regular members of last year's squad, up for contract re-signing at the same time.

With the third season of PSL bringing relegation, this situation is not good for Lions to say the least.

Already George Potter has refused terms and has been placed on the "available for transfer" list.

A few players will part company with Lions before the new season begins.

The club has to take immediate action on this state of affairs.

Some pundits feel a full time coach is a luxury the Brisbane teams cannot really afford.



George Potter.



Paul Laslo.

Graham Wilson and John Ogden, who were bloodied last season, could be building up their hopes.

Last term Lions committed their reserve team, who play in the Brisbane First Division, to underage players, an honorable gesture that in time will pay dividends but it is doubtful if the PSL team could function as well if, in fact, five or six of these youngsters were to be used next season.

With the five top teams in local competition moving into the embryo State League, finance, or lack of it, will probably close the door on any worthwhile replacements from that area.

There is no doubt Lions are on the way back to sane, sensible organisation.

Whether the directors will do what has to be done is a matter of conjecture that will only be answered by time.

The big fight is known to be financial, and the board should recognise that their own efforts have to be directed 100% in that direction.

There is just a suspicion that the amateurish player management of the last two seasons has not yet been recognised.

For the sake of Brisbane's best challengers so far it is hoped that recognition will soon dawn.

# Brisb. City needs revamped set-up

Brisbane City, who vindicated all the prophesies of doom by finishing last in the PSL, ended the season proper in almost complete and utter disarray.

Although the cynics would be pleased, genuine soccer lovers would be somewhat saddened by this club's fall from grace, for in the past it has always had a reputation for playing bright, entertaining soccer and, yet, the decline came as no real surprise to the soccer pundit for, if ever a team or club was ill prepared for a Philips League campaign, it was Brisbane City.

To find out where things went wrong we must again go back in time. The club for years bestrode the Brisbane soccer scene like some Middle Ages despot, buying whatever player took their fancy, paying money in transfer and playing fees that put most other clubs out of contention and the end result of this near monopoly became a string of championship and cup wins that must have given the club, and its supporters, a feeling of divine right over every

nexed and as the team battled through round after round the "Azzurri's" flocked back to end the season in an ecstatic euphoria when arch rivals Marconi were beaten in the final. Oh the sweetness of victory!!!

Came season 1978 and the administrative weaknesses began to show with a vengeance. Saftich had again retired and in his place came Luciano Nesti, an experienced coach at youth level but somewhat new to the rigors and pitfalls of senior soccer at PSL level.

He inherited a squad of players decimated beyond recognition; Borzi and McLeod having returned to their homelands and Hermiston lost to Brisbane Lions.

With no apparent replacements in the pipeline Nesti was forced back to his old stamping ground where he made an inspired capture in Steve Perry from Western Suburbs.

He promised more but when these didn't eventuate it came as no surprise when the little man returned to Sydney.

In his place came a more inexperienced Dennis Ford, a young coach of coaches well qualified but lacking in team management experience.

Ford, despite an insatiable appetite for his experience, was to learn that PSL was neither the time nor the place for the education; ethnic supporters demand success at all costs.

The team began to show on the field of play that the heady days of late 1977 were gone forever.

Peter Tokesi, who had had a great season under Hermiston's subtle promptings, found himself under great pressure and his game became tense and strained.

Rathmell, the great motivator, struggled against, and finally succumbed to, recurring muscle trouble so that the two fullback spots became lotteries.

Players were tried and found wanting, players were borrowed from other clubs and allowed to return and, finally, ex-mid-fielder Kibbey took a lease on the left

with Rathmell, making a belated comeback on the right.

Young keeper Wishart promising, but lacking in experience, tried hard game after game, proving his reflexes the equal of any keeper in Australia, but also showing glaring weaknesses in technique that only dedication to practice and coaching could overcome.

Time was not on his side and even superhuman efforts by Perry could not halt the tide of goals and at season's end the defence had conceded 49 in 26 matches as against 35 the previous season.

The season also showed a disappearance of the mid-field magic.

The names were the same but the play of Echeverria, Pimblett and, to a lesser extent, Gaffney had lost its sparkle, being mostly lifeless or at least spasmodic.

That this breakdown occurred was unfortunate, for by this time ex-New Zealand player Alan Marley had been secured on loan and had got among the goals.

More important was the fact that in their few games together he had shown promise of good understanding between himself and new signing Kelso, no mean goalsnatcher himself.

However, even this partnership was short lived as Marley "disappeared" from the scene in somewhat strange circumstances.

Then more problems. With the team languishing at the bottom of the table coach Ford was sacked and again a strange appointment, ex-keeper Dave Neal sitting on the bench as manager, Ian Rathmell becoming player-coach and Steve Perry reported to be assisting in team selection.

In the late stages of the season this arrangement appeared to add a bit of spirit and fight into the players but sadly did little in the way of winning points, a narrow victory over Lions being the only consolation.

However, the Philips Cup remained and another victory over Lions saw progress into the final on Sunday.

— JIM BINNIE

# WORLD NEWS



## Brits, Germans shine in cups

West German clubs scored brilliant successes in the various Euro-Cups: all six of them qualified for the second round.

Of the nine English and Scottish clubs, all made the next round except Liverpool and Dundee.

Liverpool, the holders, of course, were eliminated by Nottingham Forest in the shock of the round.

In the Champions' Cup the surprises included the elimination of

Partizan Belgrade, Bruges, Juventus, Ujpest and Monaco.

In the Cupwinners' Cup the Polish Sosnowiec' elimination caused a surprise.

In the UEFA Cup the Polish Lech Poznan and the East German Lokomotive Leipzig crashed heavily and three of the four Italian clubs — Napoli, Torino and Lanerossi — were all knocked out.

Details:

### UEFA CUP

Trakai Plavdiv v Hertha Berlin	1-2 (1-2)
Lech Poznan v Duisburg	2-5 (2-10)
Sturm Graz v Monchengladbach	1-2 (2-7)
Stuttgart v Basel	4-1 (7-3)
Red Star v Dynamo Berlin	4-1 (6-6)
Lierse v FC Jena	2-2 (2-3)
Lokomotiv Leipzig v Arsenal	1-4 (1-7)
Rapid v Hajduk	2-1 (2-3)
Lousanne v Jeunesse	2-0 (2-0)
Dundee United v Standard Liege	0-0 (0-1)
Manchester City v Twente	3-2 (4-3)
Napoli v Dy. Tbilisi	1-1 (1-3)
Adanaspor v Honved	2-2 (2-8)
Lanerossi v Dukla Prague	1-1 (1-2)
Panathinaikos v Pitesti	1-2 (1-5)
Ajax v Bilbao	3-0 (3-2)
Everton v Finn Harps	5-0 (10-0)
Benfica v Nantes	0-0 (2-0)
Torino v Gijon	1-0 (1-3)
West Bromwich Albion v Galatasaray	3-1 (6-2)
Norrkoping v Hibernian	0-0 (2-3)
MTK Budapest v Timisoara	2-1 (2-3)
Sloste Wroclaw v Pes. Larnax	5-1 (7-3)
Lokomotiv Kosice v AC Milan	0-1 (0-1)
Bolddub Copenhagen v Kuopio	4-4 (5-6)
SK Moldova v Torpedo Moscow	3-3 (3-7)
Strasbourg v Elfsborg	4-1 (4-3)
Esbjerg v Kristiansand	1-0 (1-0)
Levski v Olympiakos	3-1 (4-3)

NB: Underlined teams qualified for second round either through superior aggregate score or on away goals or on penalties. Figures in parenthesis indicate aggregate score.

Willie Johnston, the anti-hero of the infamous World Cup dope case, is likely to switch from West Bromwich to his former club, Glasgow Rangers.

Cruyff and coach Michels appear to have left behind a sizeable tax debt in Barcelona: \$1,300,000. Cruyff now claims that Barcelona was supposed to pay the sum but the club is accepting responsibility for only two-thirds of it.

Valdemir, former Brazilian international, 32, died last week during the Curitiba v Naringa match following a clash of heads; he suffered a broken neck.

Czechoslovakia has accepted England's invitation to play an international at Wembley on November 29.

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## COUTINHO BACK

Claudio Coutinho has come in from a voluntary seclusion of one month after the World Cup and has resumed his job as a coach of Flamengo.

He is still convinced all his ideas were right, maintains Brazil were better than Argentina in the World Cup, and thinks he has established a solid foundation to win it in 1982, if still in command.

It remains to be seen what the relationship between Coutinho and Zico will be at Flamengo.

Zico, who hasn't played or trained since the World Cup, on account of the injury he suffered in the game against Poland, criticised Coutinho after coming back to Brazil, claiming he had been unfairly dropped and replaced by Jorge Mendoza.

Zico's father has been even more critical in his words to the Press.

It is worth remembering Zico is the darling of Flamengo's supporters.



Dirceu, one of the best midfielders at the World Cup.

Uli Hoeneß, the former West German international star, has transferred from Bayern München to SV Hamburg.

**Sensation in the West German Cup:** Bayern München lost to second division Osnabrück 5-4 at home. To make it worse, three of Bayern's goals came from penalties, all converted by Gerd Müller. Lamented coach Lorant: "Our players thought they could wipe them off with ease. Breitner, who is a world class player, didn't give a pass until the 43rd minute."

In a friendly international, Italy beat Turkey 1-0 in Florence with Graziani's goal.

**Raimundo Saporta,** former manager and treasurer of Real Madrid, will be the chairman of the Spanish 1982 World Cup organising committee.

Brilliant young Italian star Paolo Rossi, of Lanerossi Vicenza, suffered a serious injury and will be out of action for about six weeks.

**The best Belgian team, Anderlecht, is mainly Dutch.** They have six stars from the Netherlands and now the Brazilian Marinho as well.

Chilean star Caszely, who played against Australia in 1974 in Berlin, has left Espanol Barcelona and returned home to join Colo Colo.

**Dr. Werner Suter,** president of the Swiss League, suggests that Switzerland do away with a fulltime national coach. "Our recent international against the USA was the first in five months," he said. "The players in the clubs go through 36 matches a season anyway."

Kevin Keegan's performance in the recent England v Denmark match has been described by Hamburg manager Netzer as "absolute world class".

**Garry Birtles,** 22, is the latest sensation of Nottingham Forest. He joined Forest two years ago from a small amateur club.

Denmark plays Bulgaria on October 11 in Copenhagen in the European Championship.

**The American national team's European tour continues to be a very disappointing affair;** in their latest match they lost 0-4 to the West German Borussia Dortmund.

Yugoslavia will play Spain in the European Championship on October 4 in Zagreb. Instead of the ill manager, Slavko Lustica, Partizan Belgrade's coach Ante Mladinic will be in charge of the Yugoslavs.

**Helmut Senekowitsch,** recently resigned manager of Austria, has signed a new contract with the Mexican club Guadalajara. The same club is hopeful of signing Polish ace Lato.

The English Football League is seriously considering the introduction of dope testing. Dr. Burrows, medical officer of the Football Association, says he has seen dozens of players in recent seasons taking the field with glassy eyes and in a state of fierce aggression — sure signs of doping.

**Bayern München's recent good run has swept them to first place on the West German first division table.** The brilliant form of Karl-Heinz Rummenigge is largely responsible for Bayern's revival.

Former Yugoslav national team goalie Mladen Ramljak (33) has died in Belgrade following a road accident.

**Borussia Monchengladbach,** having lost several of their stars, now field six young newcomers, among them Polish refugee Dudek.

KSV Baunatal is placed ninth out of 20 in the Second Division South of German League — this is the club which is negotiating with Marconi for the signing of Socceroo Gary Byrne.

**Tunisia is about to be forgiven by the African Federation and its two-year suspension is to be lifted.** The Tunisians were ousted last year when in an Africa Cup match they left the field against Nigeria as a protest against a refereeing decision. From 1979 Tunisia will be allowed to play against other African countries.

The total debt of the three Italian top division clubs (pro and semi-pro leagues) is a staggering \$80 million ...

**Dragoslav Sekularac,** the brilliant but controversial Yugoslav star of the 1950-60 period, just had his official testimonial in the small town of Stip where he played for Gregalnica against the New York Eagles, one of his many former clubs. The US outfit fielded, among others, Eusebio, Rildo, Edu and Dzajic.

## It's all Irish

The recent 0-0 draw in Dublin between Eire and Northern Ireland was the first full international ever between these countries.

Northern Ireland's first-ever European Championship tie was a 2-0 away victory v. Poland, on October 20, 1962, when the legendary Derek Dougan and Coventry City winger Billy Humphries were the scorers.

Including the half-dozen British Championship games, qualifiers for Europe in 1966-67 and '67-68, Northern Ireland have won eight, drawn five and lost 10 of their 23 games in the tournament.

Northern Ireland's most-honoured player, Pat Jennings, capped 71 times to date, also claims his country's 15-game European Championship appearance record.

Next in line is much-travelled Dave Clements, with 13 Euro matches, followed by five others who have reached double-figures in the series, namely, Derek Dougan, Terry Neill (12 each), Allan Hunter, Bryan Hamilton and Jimmy Nicholson (11 each).

The last official All-Ireland team to compete in international soccer was the Ireland (Irish FA, now Northern Ireland) side which drew 0-0 with Wales, at Wrexham, on March 8, 1950.

Line-up was: Kelly (Fullham), Bowler (Hull City), Äherne (Luton), Blanchflower (Barnsley), Martin (Aston Villa), Ryan (West Brom.), McKenna (Huddersfield), Smyth (Wolves), Walsh (West Brom.), Brennan (Birmingham City), Lockhart (Coventry City).

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